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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/263,022
Applicants: Sean A. McCarthy
Filed: March 5, 1999
Title: *NOVEL HUMAN DICKKOPF-RELATED PROTEIN AND NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES AND USES THEREFOR*
Attorney Docket No.: MNI-108CP2

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) (*in duplicate*);
2. Copy of Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional);
3. Copy of Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application, mailed January 16, 2001, with Authorization to Charge Deposit Account highlighted;
4. Check for \$50.00 (filing fee); and
5. Acknowledgement postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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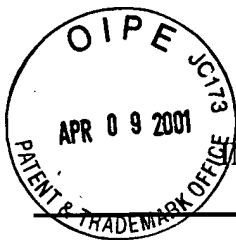
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE
REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) dated February 15, 2001, Applicant's attorney submits herewith a check in the amount of \$50.00 to cover the total amount owed by Applicant, as set forth in the Notice. A copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) is also enclosed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the communication dated January 19, 2001 (mailed January 16, 2001) was fully responsive to the communication mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 14, 2000, because Applicant authorized the Commissioner to charge any underpayments associated with the communication to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. Accordingly, any fee deficiencies should have been charged to our Deposit Account and

not left outstanding. Applicant submits herewith copies of the communication dated January 19, 2001 (mailed January 16, 2001), highlighting the authorization to charge our Deposit Account.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the communication dated January 19, 2001 was fully responsive to the communication mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 14, 2000. Accordingly, Applicant further submits that there should be no need to submit a request for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) in which to respond. If, however, it is maintained that the communication was not fully responsive, the undersigned hereby requests a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application dated November 14, 2000, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the three-month extension fee to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

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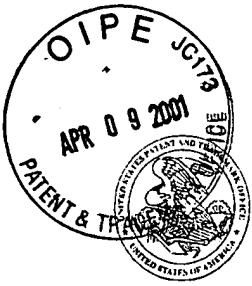


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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 01/19/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 11/14/2000 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

- The statutory basic filing fee is insufficient.
Applicant must submit \$ 50 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 50.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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